

# CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DRIVERS CERTIFICATE MATRIX

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

<i>Certificate</i>	<i>Vehicle Defined</i>	<i>Original Training</i>	<i>Renewal Training</i>	<i>Written Testing</i>	<i>Driving Testing</i>	<i>Commercial License</i>	<i>Training Verification</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
<b><u>School Bus</u></b>	VC 545	20 hr. Class 20 hr. BTW EC (40082/38157)	10 hr. per TP Class / BTW or Ins. EC (40085/38161)	CHP Rules & Regs. First Aid (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B license w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12517)	CDE T-01 EC (40087/38164)	CDE Certified EC (40082/38157)
<b><u>SPAB</u></b>	VC 546	15 hr. Class 20 hr. BTW EC (40083/38158)	10 hr. per TP Class / BTW or Ins. EC (40085/38161)	CHP Rules & Regs. (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B license w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12517)	CDE T-01 EC (40087/38164)	CDE Certified EC (40083/38158)
<b><u>FLV</u></b>	VC 322	10 hr. Class 10 hr. BTW EC (40084/38159)	2 hr. / yr. Classroom EC (40086/38163)	CHP Rules & Regs. (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B license w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12519)	CDE T-01 EC (40087/38164)	CDE Certified EC (40084/38159)
<b><u>Transit &amp; VTT</u></b>	VC 642	15 hr. Class 20 hr. BTW EC (40083/38158)	8 hr. per TP Class / BTW or Ins. EC (40085.5/38161)	DMV Rules & Regs. (Commercial Handbook)	DMV	A or B w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12804.6)	CDE T-01 or DMV DL 260 EC (40087/38164) (A, B)	CDE Certified EC (40083/38158) TSI (40081/38156)
<b><u>GPPV</u></b>	VC 336	12 hr. Class + 8 hr. Certified Def. Driving 20 BTW (VC 12523.5)	2 hr. / yr. Refresher Training (HPH 82.7)	CHP Rules & Regs. (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12523.5)	Evidence of Training (VC 12523.5) (HPH 82.7)	Employer Verified (HPH 82.7)
<b><u>A SCHOOLBUS INSTRUCTOR:</u></b> may instruct for schoolbus, SPAB, transit bus, or farm labor (EC 38165 (40088) (C) (1)) <b><u>A SPAB INSTRUCTOR:</u></b> may instruct for SPAB, transit bus, farm labor, but may not instruct for schoolbus (EC 38165 (40088) (C)(2)) <b><u>A TRANSIT BUS INSTRUCTOR:</u></b> may instruct for transit bus, farm labor, but may not instruct for schoolbus or SPAB (EC 38165 (40088)(C)3) <b><u>A FARM LABOR INSTRUCTOR:</u></b> may instruct for farm labor only (EC 38165 (40088) (C) (4))								

**NOTE: Holders of a SPAB certificate may upgrade to a schoolbus drivers certificate (EC 40082/38157 {B})**

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<b><u>Youth Bus "A"</u></b> school to non-school activity	VC 680 (a)	10 hr. Class 10 hr. BTW (VC 12523)	2 hr. per TP Refresher Training (VC 12523) (HPH 82.7)	CHP Rules & Regs. First Aid (VC 12522) (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12523)	Evidence of Training (VC 12523) A (HPH 82.7)	Employer Verified (HPH 82.7)
<b><u>Youth Bus "B"</u></b> residence to school	VC 680 (b)	10 hr. Class 10 hr. BTW in addition... Instructors Manual 10 hr. Class 10 hr. BTW (VC 12523) (HPH 82.7)	2 hr. per TP Refresher Training in addition... 10 hr. renewal class (HPH 82.7)	CHP Rules & Regs. First Aid (VC 12522) (HPH 82.7)	CHP Pre-Trip BTW (HPH 82.7)	A or B w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12523)	T-01 (additional training only) (HPH 82.7)  Evidence of Training (VC 12523) B (HPH 82.7)	CDE Certified for additional training (HPH 82.7)  Employer Verified (HPH 82.7)
<b><u>VDDP</u></b>	VC 12523.6	Fingerprint Background check (VC 12523.6) (b) 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	A or B w/ (P) endorsement (VC 12523.6) (a) 1	N/A	N/A
<b><u>Paratransit Vehicle</u></b>	VC 462	4 hr. Safe Operation 4 hr. Special Transportation (VC 12517.5)	4 hr. Safe Operation 4 hr. Special Transportation (VC 12517.5)	N/A	N/A	A or B w/ (P) endorsement C if less than 10 pass. (VC 12517.5)	N/A	Employer Verified (VC 12517.5)
All <b><u>original</u></b> California Special Driver Certificate applicants must submit a set of <b><u>fingerprints</u></b> to the California Highway Patrol prior to certification except the following: <b>Farm Labor Vehicles, Tranist &amp; VTT, and Paratransit Vehicles.</b>								

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## **ACRONYMS**

VC	Vehicle Code
EC	Education Code
BTW	Behind the Wheel
CLASS	Classroom
REGS.	Regulations
CHP	California Highway Patrol
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles
HPH	Highway Patrol Handbook
"P"	Passenger
TSI	Training Safety Institute
SPAB	School Pupil Activity Bus
FLV	Farm Labor Vehicle
VTT	Verification of Transit Training
GPPV	General Public Paratransit Vehicle
VDDP	Vehicle Developmentally Disabled Persons
INS.	In-service
TP	Training Period